

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

June 28, 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI
FROM: TOM THORNTON
SUBJECT: Letter to Former Ambassador Neumann

At Tab B is a letter from Bob Neumann setting forth his views on Afghanistan, where he used to be Ambassador. A courtesy reply for you to sign is at Tab A.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the letter at Tab A.

Rick--

I would propose to leave this unanswered. (He is promising us another letter in a few days anyway -- see last para.)

Neumann, while bright and capable, is a massive pain to deal with. A response from Zbig will trigger more letters; ~~by~~ if I answer, Neumann will be camping on my doorstep.

If (a) Zbig likes Neumann, or (b) we simply answer anything that comes in, return the folder and I will do something apposite.

Otherwise, lets let this one die quietly.

Tom

6-22-78

Tom,
Prepare a brief courtesy
response for ZB.

Rick